

REMARKS

Applicant has considered the Final Office Action dated February 25, 2010, and the references cited therein. Claims 1, 3-8 and 16-20 were previously pending. No claims have been allowed. Applicant notes, with appreciation, identification of potentially distinguishing subject-matter. See, Final Office Action, page 11, bottom. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 8 **in accordance with the comments at pages 11-12 of the Final Office Action** regarding the "realign bit" used in conjunction with the fetch bit. As noted at the bottom of page 11 of the Final Office Action, the amendments to claims 1 and 8 are supported at least by the disclosure at paragraphs 73 and 84 of Applicant's published application.

It is believed that the amendments to claims 1 and 8 overcome the prior art-based grounds for rejection set forth in the Final Office Action.

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration of the Final Office Action's grounds for rejecting the previously pending claims in view of the current amendments to claims 1 and 8 Applicant's remarks.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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